

Kongsberg Maritime Secures Major Contracts for HUGIN AUVs



Following a recent uptick in orders, Kongsberg Maritime's Sensor and Robotics division has announced that it has secured over NOK450 million (≈ EUR45 million) in contracts for HUGIN AUV in Q2 2022. The order income consists of a healthy mix of recurring business with existing customers and new customers that will utilize the HUGIN platform in their operations.

The use of AUVs (autonomous underwater vehicles) is a vital piece in the technology puzzle that must be solved to enable sustainable oceans. The vehicles can operate autonomously over a long period of time and collect environmental data, performing multiple survey operations for multiple applications in a cost-effective way compared to conventional surveys.

Growing Range of AUV Applications

Since the first dive of the iconic HUGIN AUV prototype in March 1993, Kongsberg Maritime has been spearheading the development of the sector, and with the latest release of HUGIN Edge, Kongsberg Maritime offers complementary AUV solutions for the rising AUV market.

"These latest contracts are a true acknowledgement of a team effort over many years, and it shows that Kongsberg Maritime offers the right technology and solutions for the growing AUV market. We see that customers put AUVs into operation in many applications, and we believe that they will be used in even more applications in the future," said senior vice president Stene Førsund, Kongsberg Maritime.

The HUGIN range of AUVs is characterized by great manoeuvrability and high accuracy of stabilization. A hydrodynamic shape, accurate instruments and excellent battery capacity mean these AUVs can be optimized for a variety of industries from oil & gas and renewables to defence and research.

"Our expansion to a wider portfolio of HUGIN AUV models has been well received by the market. In addition to the underlying and increasing demand for marine robots, we are now also addressing new applications and by this increasing the addressable market with our wider portfolio. Our robotic solutions are more sustainable, safe and cost effective than traditional methods within the ocean space domain," stated senior vice president marine robotics, Thomas Nygaard, Kongsberg Maritime.

Over time, the range of HUGIN AUVs has evolved to go deeper for longer and carry a larger payload of sensitive data-collecting sensors, making HUGIN one of the most successful commercial off-the-shelf autonomous underwater vehicles ever made.



The Kongsberg Maritime HUGIN team.